

VI – VIII SECTION
WORKSHEET - I TERM

CLASS : VIII

SUBJECT : ENGLISH

READING SECTION

Q.1. Read the poem carefully and answer the questions that follow :-

THE TEASE

You're a nuisance, I declare;
You tease me so, it isn't fair;
You pounce on me from everywhere,
And seize my hat, and clutch my hair,
And tie my clothes in knots, and tear
The leaves and blossom from the pear;
I wish that I could set a snare
To catch you-but I shouldn't dare,
For, though you tease me, I declare,
O Wind, if you were never there,
I don't think I could manage, quite,
To sail my boat or fly my kite.

- Lilian Holmes

Q.1.1. Write any two pairs of rhyming words from the poem :-

Q.1.2. Based on the reading of the poem, answer the following questions :-

The poetess is talking about _____. She calls it a _____ because she says it teases her in many ways. It _____ upon her from everywhere. At times it _____ her hat and _____ her hair and ties her clothes in knots. She wishes she had a _____ to catch it but then _____ not do that because if the wind was not there, she couldn't ever _____ her boat or fly her kite !

Q.2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follows :-

MIGRATION

One of the greatest mysteries of bird life is migration or travelling. Every year, during autumn and early winter, birds travel from their breeding places in the northern regions of Asia, Europe and America to the warmer southern lands. They make the return journey again during spring and early summer. They are very punctual too, unless they are delayed by bad weather.

The brave little voyagers face many dangers and hardships while travelling long distances over hills, forests, plains and over large stretches of water. Sometimes sudden storms arise and drive them far off their course. Often they are blown right out to sea and they drown in the wild waves. Then at night bright lights attract and confuse the birds.

Migrating birds do not fly at their fastest. The migration speed is usually from 48 - 64 kmph and rarely exceeds 80 kmph. They do not generally fly very high; they fly at under 900 meters, but some travellers have been found at greater heights. Some birds make the long journey in easy

stages, stopping to rest on the way. Others fly great distances without pausing to rest and feed. Some fly by day, some both by day and by night, but most of them speed on their way through darkness after the sun has set. Birds usually travel in flocks. Usually the male birds go first to their breeding grounds, and the female birds follow them in a few days.

Birds migrate in spite of the heavy loss of life on the way, primarily to escape the bitter cold and limited food supply. In the case of water birds, the food supply disappears altogether when the water freezes, and fish and other seafood are difficult to obtain. Indeed the migration of birds is a fascinating study.

Q.2.1. Answer the following questions in a word or two :-

1. Migrating birds usually travel in _____.
2. Every year birds migrate from northern regions of Asia, Europe and America to the warmer southern lands during _____.
3. The migrating birds generally fly at the heights under _____.
4. Migrating birds unless they are delayed by bad weather are very _____.
5. Migrating birds make their return journey during _____.

Q.2.2. On the basis of your reading the passage, answer the following questions :-

- Q.1. Migrating birds face two main dangers and hardships. What are they?
- Q.2. Can you identify the two main reasons why birds migrate?
- Q.3. Do all birds travel non-stop when they make long journeys? What do some birds do? Mention any two methods.

WRITING SECTION

Q.3. You are Deep/Divya of 55, Wilson Garden, Bangalore. Write a letter to the Editor, The Deccan Herald, Bangalore regarding the impact of the multi channel entertainment in Television. Use the hints given below and write the letter in not more than 150 words.

Hints :

(MAIN COURSE, WRITING TASK, UNIT – 1)

TV, most popular means of mass entertainment and education – Does it serve both the purpose? – TV a sort of TB – doing more harm than good – corrupting the young minds with filmi glamour – time killer – Prime time entertainment eats up the whole evening – students can't study and grown-ups can't socialize – children becoming illiterate and wayward.

Q.4. You are Nikil/Nishi, the Sports Secretary of Kendriya Vidyalaya, New Delhi, draft a notice (using not more than 50 words) to be put up on the school notice-board inviting the students to witness the final match of Inter-class cricket which will be played between Class VII and VIII. Give all necessary details. Put the notice in a box.

(MAIN COURSE, WRITING TASK, UNIT - 3)

Q.5. Here is some information about a bird sanctuary that you might know. Using the hints given below, develop two or three paragraph, describing the “Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary”.

Hints :-

(WORK BOOK, WRITING TASK, UNIT - 1)

<i>Location</i>	: in the Southern Indian State, 20 kms from the historic city of Mysore, situated on the banks of River Kaveri
<i>State</i>	: Karnataka
<i>Status</i>	: National Park since 1940
<i>Area</i>	: 67 sq kms.

Vegetation : Riverine reed beds, Arjun tree, Bamboo groves, Pandanus trees

Climate & Temperature : 23 - 29 degrees Celsius

Bird species found : Spoonbills, Storks, Darters, White Ibis, Cormorants, Egrets, Heron, River tern, Partridge

GRAMMAR SECTION

Q.6. Complete the following passage by filling in the blanks with correct forms of verbs given in the brackets. Write your answers in the answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. The first one has been done for you as an example:-

I was still a boy when I was given (give) a job by a kind, old, rich man in his small factory. I (a) (work) with ten other boys and men. What do you (b) (think) I (c) (discover) about my fellow-workers? I found that most of them (d) (want) to get a higher salary. Well, all of us want more money. Nothing bad about that. But the funny thing (e) (be) that all of them wanted to do as little work as possible for the money they (f) (get). I (g) (decide) to do the opposite. I said : "I (h) (do) more work than I'm (i) (pay) for." The result was that I (j) (promote) to a better job in just two months.

Q.7. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each of the lines. Write the incorrect word and the correction in the answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. Underline the word that you have supplied. The first one has been done for you as an example :-

When I return home from school, I found that	a) return	<u>returned</u>
my mother were in the kitchen and my younger	b) .....	.....
sister is playing with her friends in the verandah.	c) .....	.....
In my room, all the books was lying scattered	d) .....	.....
on the floor. I am definitely very annoyed.	e) .....	.....
I asked my sister, "Rinku, did you entered	f) .....	.....
this room in my absence?" "I was looking for	g) .....	.....
some colourful pictures for my scrap file. I search	h) .....	.....
through your books and they fall down one by		
one," she answered sheepishly.		

Q.8. In the passage given below, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word and the word that comes before and after it in the answer sheet. Underline the word that forms your answer. The first one has been done for you as an example :-

Simi listening to my poem as	a) Simi	<u>was</u>	listening
the baby sleeping by my side. "You	b) .....	.....	.....
written really well", she observed. Just	c) .....	.....	.....
then the baby up and started crying.	d) .....	.....	.....
I not know what to do. Simi rose up	e) .....	.....	.....
and up the baby. She made it sleep again	f) .....	.....	.....
and I reciting the poem again. This time she	g) .....	.....	.....
no notice of my poem. "You	h) .....	.....	.....
not seem to be interested," I said and	i) .....	.....	.....
went in to some snacks for her.	j) .....	.....	.....